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June 27, 1961

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I think I have a bit of a surprise for you this time. Enclosed herewith are copies of my recent correspondence with Mr. Harry B. McDaniel. Under separate cover I have mailed you the silver Indian arm band that he mentions in the letters.

I talked to Mr. McDaniel and have received his permission to send this to you for examination and authentication. I am sure that you, more than anyone else, are best qualified to pass judgment on it.

I carefully weighed the arm band and found it to weigh 90.8385 grams. We then tried to calculate the weight of the coins by holding them away from the link and re-weighing the arm band. This was not the best way to do it but about all we could do, since he does not want the links disturbed in any way. As near as I can tell, the sharper specimen weighs 1.45 grams and the poorer specimen weighs 1.6288 grams.

This means that both coins weigh considerably more than the 1.12 grams that the Appleton specimen weighs. You will also quickly notice, of course, that the dies are completely different.

Even with all of these things against the coins, they seem to have an air of authenticity. The arm band, hallmark and everything else about it seem so convincing that it is hard to believe someone faked the whole thing.

Let's keep this whole thing between ourselves for a while until we are certain about what we have here. Perhaps then we can publish it. This certainly will be an important numismatic discovery, if it turns out to be authentic.

I am leaving for vacation tomorrow and will not return until the 17th. Please return the arm band directly to Mr. McDaniel as soon as you are finished with it.

'sever,

Ken

Ken Bressett
Numismatic Editor
WHITMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

KEB:jam

encl.

July 3, 1961

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Co.
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Ken:

You asked me to report on the fascinating silver Indian armband belonging to Harry B. McDaniel, Mettsville, Ohio. I appreciate your kind comments as to my opinion. I have returned the item to the owner as you instructed.

The T. D.hallmark differs fromthe hallmarks of Timothy Dwight in my silver books in that (a) the letters do not have ceriphs, (b) there are only four dots instead of a circle of dots, (c) the dots are not evenly spaced. I believe that if photographs were ordered of the hallmarks on well known pieces of Timothy Dwight it can be readily determined whether this hallmark is from the same punch or punches as genuine pieces. This is fundamental in verifying the coins.

There are a number of curious situations to evalute, each of which points to a fabrication:

1. The texture of the silver of the threepences and the armband is virtually identical and yet the coins and armband were supposed to be made at different times. (Dwight was born in 1645 or later).

2. The three lower links are soldered and there was no solder in the seventeenth century.

3. The end loops on the armband are soldered closed for no reason.

4. The top four holes show no wear from ornaments being hung on them.

5. The threepences are both very round whereas original NE pieces are not.

6. The holes in each threepence is in exactly the same place as on the Yale original.

Mr. Kenneth Bressett

7. The two threepences on the armband have a different obverse and reverse die punch than any other NE piece of any denomination. (The original threepence has the same obverse punch as the original sixpence).

8. There is only one reverse die for the sixpence and it would be surprising if there were more than one die made for the threepence which was issued in very small amounts for only a part of a year.

9. The left upright of the N does not connect with the diagonal and this is not found on any NE die.

10. Any Indian armband made after 1660 would probably use Willow or Oak Tree coins for decoration and Timothy Dwight was not working until after that date.

11. I cannot determine the weight accurately. The right link and coin together weigh 27½ grains, the left 29 grains. I figure the links at about 4 grains (length 3½ mm. diameter 1 mm). This would leave the planchets too heavy as they would not exceed 18 grains with the hole solid (18½ mm diameter, ½ mm thick).

12. The story as to how it was acquired recently indicates the seller has not been accurate.

I am sending you extra copies of this letter so that you may, if you wish, send one to McDaniel.

I thoroughly enjoyed working on the item and hope you are satisfied with my thoughts.

Hope you had an enjoyable vacation.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By _____
Eric P. Newman, President

EPN
atb

August 21, 1961

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Ken:

I enjoyed very much meeting you after all these years and know that our relationship will blossom forth much better now that we know one another.

Since you did not hear my talk in Atlanta I am enclosing the balance which I did not give you.

You will recall that for my library I wanted to get a few more of the Red books which I do not have. I gave them away from time to time and find that I have the following:

1947, 6th edition, 8, 9, 12, 13 and 14.

If you have any of the intervening ones which I do not have I would be grateful. I have no Blue books and would appreciate any of those which you care to send. These, of course, are for research purposes only.

Full speed ahead on the 1804 Dollar project!

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

April 19, 1962

Dear Ken,

Thank you, so much, for the kind words in your nice book on English coins.

I know that it has given you a great deal of satisfaction to edit this book and hope that it will be one of your many stepping stones to the fine goals which you have set for yourself in life.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin

EPN/atb

Memo From —

KEN BRESSETT

I must know how you feel about the Colonial Currency book so that I can answer Mr. Berl's letter of the 4th.

Will you help?

How much will you do?

Should I ask to see Pearl's work?

June 13, 1962

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Ken:

Enclosed is the $20.00 for the 1836 Half Dollar, which I ~~will~~ appreciate very much.

I enjoyed talking to you yesterday.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

July 24, 1962

Dear Ken,

Thank you, very much, for the pictures and the wooden nickel.

It was very kind of you to be so prompt.

Sincerely,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

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November 1, 1962

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Stores, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for your latest letter. Judy says she is sorry about misinterpreting "research" for "reception", and congratulations to Mrs. Barrett for figuring this out.

I will send you copies of the various book reviews, etc., that I have received. I am sure there are many more that have not come back to me. Most of these simply repeat the News Release mailed from this office.

Sales on the book are as good as expected. Approximately 130 dozen have been sold to date. Many of the covers were damaged and rendered unusable when we shipped them to the Hannibal plant. We ended up with a total production of only 8,000 books. It is, therefore, conceivable that we will need a second edition within a year or so. I, too, am amazed that we have found so few corrections to be made in the book. It is fortunate indeed that none of them are of a serious nature. I have reread the material many times but still fail to find any place where we did not change the copy to correspond with the Spink findings.

Currently we have several books on the fire. My next project will be revising Charles Schermerhorn's Mint Error book. My new assistant, Neil Shafer, is working on T. V. Buttrey's manuscript covering Mexican decimal coins. After that we have to organize the excellent work by Bob Willey covering the coins and tokens of Canada, and somewhere in between all of this, we have a couple of small manuscripts covering foreign coins struck

at the United States mints and U. S. fractional currency. I am also toying with the idea of publishing a book on Colonial and Continental currency.

This latter book is perhaps one in which you would have a great deal of interest. Lester Merkin has given me the name of a Mr. Arnold Perl who supposedly has a text compiled by Bradbeer covering this series in great detail. Lester seems to think that this man could to a creditable job covering these notes, and I have asked him to submit an outline and samples of his work. Do you think that I am following the right course, or is this a job for you or someone else?

I certainly hope that when some of these projects are out of the way, we can get together on another monumental book. I have nothing specific in mind but undoubtedly we could do something in the colonial field. Speaking of unfinished books, whatever happened to the work on Washington coins, tokens and medals that you and George Fuld started several years ago? I know that you have several books in the fire and hope that WHITMAN can have the opportunity to publish some of them that would appeal to a mass market.

Kindest personal regards.

'sever,

Ken Bressett
Numismatic Editor
WHITMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

KEB:jam

November 5, 1962

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Ken:

With respect to your mention of publishing a book on Colonial and Continental Currency, I not only have a great deal of interest but have been assembling information on the subject for years.

If Lester Merken feels that Arnold Perl could do a creditable job on these notes I would like to know whether Perl has ever done any numismatic research of a complicated nature.

I have almost no respect for Bradbeer's work because it is so full of guesses. I don't mind mistakes but fictitious filler material is bad.

I wonder if it would be possible for Mr. Perl to let me see what Bradbeer has done. Perhaps it would be best for you to ask to see the Bradbeer material and then send it to me. I will not use any of it without appropriate permission.

John Ford wants me to do the Colonial and Continental material for him and there is where the matter sits.

Please follow up on this subject promptly as I think it is important.

Thanks for being frank with me on this matter.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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November 7, 1962

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for your recent letter and for sending me the comments of so many distinguished critics. It is possible that we could use something like this in our publicity, but we have never done anything like this before and I am not certain where or how I could make the best out of this. I will keep it on file and probably pull it out when sales start to slump in another six to twelve months.

I am afraid that it will be impossible for me to have labels printed for the spine of your books. Overhead and set-up costs make small jobs prohibitive. The company is only geared to produce quantity runs, and experimenting with samples of this nature is frowned upon by the bookbinders.

I appreciate everything that you told me about Bradbeer's work and the Colonial and Continental currency book. I am convinced that some book on this subject is badly needed, and one way or another I plan to add something to our Coin Reference Series on this subject.

I know nothing of Mr. Perl or his work other than Merkin's recommendation. In addition to this manuscript, I understand that Ben Douglas has also been working on a similar project.

As you can see, I am torn between many sides trying to make a decision, and I would really appreciate any help you can give me on this matter.

I realize that you are committed to Ford to do a book for him. Undoubtedly, this will be an opus magnum covering the history and all important aspects of the field. Such a book will be a milestone in the numismatic history of our country and will probably take years to produce. What I am interested in, however, is a simple check list and price guide giving only enough interesting history and sidelights to make the series popular, collectible and understandable.

Would you consider producing such a book for WHITMAN or would even this violate your commitments to Ford? Would you consider supervising, editing or co-operating with some other author if we should purchase such a manuscript?

I would like to know exactly how you feel about this before going any further.

'sever,

Ken Bressett
Numismatic Editor
WHITMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

KEB:jam

November 14, 1962

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Ken:

With respect to a book on Colonial and Continental currency, I have given quite some thought to the ideas expressed in your letter of November 7. I agree with you that some book on the subject is badly needed and it is normal that your company plans one way or another to do something about it.

I very much appreciate you asking me to produce a book for Whitman which is a check list and price guide plus enough interesting historical sidelights to make the series more popular. This I will consider and discuss but want you to know my present feelings.

The one thing I am against is a participation in republishing old material without adding really new information and without correcting old errors. One might just as well reprint an old list and produce a separate price list. This is what has gone on in several fields to the detriment of numismatics.

I respect you for not wanting me to violate any commitments to Ford. Fundamentally, I want you to know that I have no strict commitment to any one, but John and I have a common desire to produce publications in this field which amount to something. As long as there is a reasonable probability of this taking place I feel that I should continue to work with John because (1) I discussed the matter with him first, (2) he has furnished me with information and leads to information on the subject, and (3) the emphasis will be more on knowledge than

November 14, 1962

Mr. Kenneth Bressett

on values. Is it possible that you and John could get together on this project. That would be great.

Another problem is coauthorship. What is everybody's business is nobody's business. (Stated in 1791 by Thomas Machin). If Bradbeer's manuscript is to be used in a way that requires Bradbeer's name to be retained as author that is a problem. I do not know whether Mr. Perl has worked in the early American paper money field or whether he wants to be a sole author of a revision of Bradbeer. I do not know what control Pearl has over the Bradbeer manuscript.

My sincere feeling is that I would like to examine the entire Bradbeer manuscript before I come to any conclusion. That seems to be the item which is stimulating an interest in a Colonial paper catalogue publication at the present time. There is no need for my opinion as to someone purchasing it or using it until I see its completeness and accuracy.

You state that Ben Douglas is working on a similar project but you know how Criswell's book snowed under the Douglas publication on Confederates.

The last thing I want to do is get into any struggles or arguments with any one, since the commercial aspects of such a book are of secondary interest to me; yet, I realize they are paramount to you and others, and that the sale of books is the only way to create interest and encourage study in the field.

Don't count me in or out until I have more facts. Thanks for asking me.

Having been coauthors we are not supposed to be even speaking to one another, but we never even had time to stop speaking.

Sincerely,

ERIC P.NEWMAN

EPN/atb

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December 3, 1962

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I will be happy to try and get Williamson's review printed in some publication. Unfortunately, I do not have a copy of his revised review and, in fact, never got one. Hasn't he tried to get it published himself?

Send me whatever it is he wants published and I will see that it gets to the right places. I gave the St. Louis newspaper the full treatment. If they are ever going to do anything, you should hear from them soon.

I am enclosing an aluminum foil impression of the Watters 1804. It is not perfect but I thought you might like to have it. It is very fragile so I would suggest you keep it sealed in the plastic holder.

By the way, this plastic holder is WHITMAN's newest product. It is simple but neat and effective. They retail for 10¢ each and look as though they will be quite popular with the masses.

I still haven't heard any more from Mr. Perl about the Continental Currency manuscript. I will keep you posted, however.

'sever,

Ken Bressett
Numismatic Editor
WHITMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

KEB:jam
encl.

December 6, 1962

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Ken:

It was pleasant talking to you, as always, and thank you for taking care of the attempt for publicity here in St. Louis.

I am quite sincere that Williamson's review should be printed somewhere. I have had it retyped and enclose herewith two copies. Perhaps you can have Coin World print a copy and if you think you can get it in the Scrapbook that would be okay but they don't have book reviews.

Thank you for the aluminum foil impression in that excellent plastic holder.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

September 6, 1963

Dear Ken,

Thanks, very much, for your new book on English coins.

I am enclosing a letter to give you a laugh.

Cordially,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

December 30, 1963

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Co.
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Ken:

You asked for constructive comment on particular articles in the Whitman Numismatic Journal and I therefore wish to ask:

1. Why was the author of the Pitt Tokens article not disclosed?

2. What support does he have for the statements that Paul Revere designed or engraved the Pitt Token dies?

3. What support does he have for the statement that Smithers struck the Pitt pieces?

4. What support is there that they circulated freely in America, and if so, when?

I hope I am not stepping on your toes, but you know how I feel about facts as opposed to fancy.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:m

December 30, 1963

Mr. Richard S. Yeoman and
Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Co.
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Dick and Ken:

From the first issue, I recognize that the Whitman Numismatic Journal is soundly conceived, broad in scope and presented with dignity. It has a most promising future by keeping many subjects up to date while interest in them is high.

You have properly suggested removal of pages for updating other publications. I, therefore, must have two copies of each issue, because my library will also require a perfect copy of each. I hope I won't "gum" up the works by asking for "doublemint" copies.

Good luck,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:m

March 11, 1964

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Ken:

Thank you for the book on American Dollars which you were nice enough to send.

I am enclosing, for your inspection, the interesting 25 centime Essai with the Thonnelier name.

You will note it was struck in a collar and that it has a raised flat border with beading on the inside. It is No. 2796 in V. Gullietaux.

If you have that book I would appreciate a Xerox copy of the appropriate page. What is more important, if you can look up to see whether they made 25 centimes like this in 1830, or 1831, or when they did make them of this style, I think this should be mentioned in the Additions to the 1804 Dollar.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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March 9, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Here is the inventory of General Newton's collection. I believe it is self-explanatory. Nearly everything is contained in the book. The separate sheets are a portion of the detailed inventory that he can supply if you are interested. I don't have a complete copy.

Copies of two of his letters are enclosed. These explain some of his feelings about selling the collection and his prices. I assume the figure of $125,000.00 or $135,000.00 would be increased somewhat in line with today's market. You will notice, however, that he takes a very realistic attitude about the values.

Sincerely,

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Kenneth E. Bressett
Managing Editor

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March 31, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

I understand that there is to be some sort of a special convention in St. Louis in connection with the big anniversary celebration, Arc de Triomphe, etc.

Will you be kind enough to fill me in on the details of just when all of this is going to take place. I would like to make some plans for attending the festivities and might even make a vacation trip out of it and bring my family along to see the big city sights.

' sever,

WHITMAN NUMISMATIC JOURNAL

Ken

Ken Bressett
Managing Editor ca

KEB:ca

April 5, 1965

Mr.Kenneth Bressett

Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken:

I telephoned your wife and found that you were in the backwoods working on the Red Book.

As far as celebrations in St. Louis are concerned the Arch will not be dedicated until October, 1965. That will be an affair with speeches and other dullness. The Arch should be finished in July, although the elevator will not be operating.

The big whoop-de-do will probably be on July 4, when there will be a repeat of what took place last year, sponsored by Famous-Barr. It is a giant fireworks, airplane stunt flying under bridges and through the Arch, etc., races on the river, and what-have-you. Last year it was spectacular and so successful they are going to repeat it this year. I am sure this would appear to the young members of your family and would not surprise me if it would appeal to the parents. I'll talk it over with you shortly.

I am returning the data relating to the Stanley Newton collection. His Colonial pieces would not be of much help and there just would be too many duplicates in the regular series for me to handle. Thank you, very much, for giving me the opportunity to glance at the schedule of this nice collection and if it is ever broken up in pieces, I would certainly want to review it again.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

FORM #105

MEMORANDUM

May 7, 1965

TO Mr. Kenneth Bressett

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken:

Please send me an additional copy of the May, 1965 WITMAN'S NUMISMATIC JOURNAL.

The Upham article is a major contribution.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

FORM #105

MEMORANDUM

June 2,1965

TO Mr.Kenneth Bressett

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken:

Enclosed are the first few pages of Rhode Island and also the pictures that go with them. Maybe you can get a better idea of the size of the page after your typesetters play with these a while. The pictures, of course, are merely uncut sizes and they are not the quality which will be turned over to you.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

FORM #105

MEMORANDUM

June 3, 1965

TO Mr. Kenneth Bressett

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken:

In my haste to send you something, yesterday, I failed to include all the pictures. Please add the enclosed tothe group of pictures, one being the back of the 1715 issue and two being the illustrations for the 1743 redated 1744 issue.

Please note on the text ~~that~~ two pictures instead of no pictures on the 1743 redated 1744 portion and please note two pictures instead of one picture on the 1715 item.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

FORM #105

MEMORANDUM June 9, 1965

TO Mr. Kenneth Bressett FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken:

I enclose herewith photocopies of a few pages of the New York section. Please send this to Ben Douglas for pricing and have him return it directly to me.

Please tell me if you want me to forward copies of the sections for pricing directly to Douglas.

Please also advise me if you are going to tell him not to submit it to anyone else as the more I think about this matter the more convinced I am that he should not do so except after submitting the names of the parties to whom he might wish to submit it and getting clearance from you and from me.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P.NEWMAN

EPN/atb

FORM #105

June 11, 1965

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Kenneth Bressett | FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken:

You made a cut of the enclosed bill and this print is from your cut. I have had to doctor it and would like to have you make another cut from this print and throw the other one away. It would be too confusing to use the old cut. You will note my expert forgery on a counterfeit to bring it back to what it was.

Please return the print from the new print and return the enclosed.

I also want to know whether I should trim all of the illustrations for whichprints are to be made. Sometimes they have dark backgrounds behind them but, generally speaking, I note that you opaque in borders and thought I might save that work and eliminate possible mistakes.

If the plates you have of Colonial paper money are difficult to get to, I suggest you forget it as my own feeling is that they are the wrong size; for example, a front without a back, coarse screen, or otherwise.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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July 22, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

After your telephone call of yesterday, we started to check our dealer list which is perhaps fifty per cent complete. The only names which came close to the spelling "Deering" were the following:

Dearing Variety Store
North Branch, Mich. 48461

Dave Doering
1305 N. E. 45th
Seattle, Wash. 98105

We are sorry that we could not come up with the information, and I doubt whether either of these will prove to be of any use to the St. Louis law authorities. I was glad to do what I could.

Kindest regards.

Very truly yours,

WHITMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

Dick

R. S. Yeoman

RSY:ch

FORM #105

November 2, 1965

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr.Kenneth Bressett

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken:

In keeping me up to date on your publications you can, if you wish, send me a Willem reprint and the 6th edition of Modern World Coins.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

December 27, 1965

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53404

Dear Ken:

Your letter of December 17, 1965, submitting an article for Whitman's Journal, by Lynn Glaser, on Paul Revere, is acknowledged. You said you did not wish me to do any serious editing, so I have merely noted corrections as to what was actually stated.

You also asked me if it is satisfactory for your Journal readers.

I am returning the document, herewith, with my comments, in red. You can handle them as you see fit.

I am not particularly pleased with the way Lynn Glaser, who is a very capable person, pours out material copied from other books in too much of a hurry, with the result that much of what he writes is confusing and inaccurate. He doesn't even read his material over sufficiently to eliminate his own question mark on page 7, to correct a complete non sequitur on page 7, etc.

Above all, this article must have a bibliography as it is lifted, almost straight, from Brigham, and Force's American Archives. His one footnote is so confused that I have suggested it be eliminated.

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If I can be of further service, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

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December 31, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for taking the time to go over Lynn Glaser's article. I appreciate your comments and am happy to have the corrections and suggestions that you made. I think I will use the article simply because we need something to take up space. I will, of course, make the appropriate corrections.

I am very sorry, but I cannot remember the exact convention at which I saw the New England Stiver. As near as I can recall, it was an upstate New York show somewhere around Syracuse or possibly the Binghamton Show in 1962. I seem to recall that it was just shortly after Mr. Bauer's death and that the material was exhibited by his son.

I have received your material for the first part of the Paper Money book and will start reading it right after the first of the year. I heard from Hannibal today, and although our key man there is on vacation, someone else is trying to set type on the chapter they have. I will keep prodding them in the hope that we get something set as quickly as possible.

My New Hampshire vacation was a grand success. The traveling was excellent and we all enjoyed ourselves.

Best wishes to you and the family for a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

WHITMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

Kenneth E. Bressett
Numismatic Editor

KEB:ca

P.S. I just heard from Hannibal; they have worked out their problems and have promised to have sample proofs for us by January 12.

December 27, 1965

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53404

Dear Ken:

Your letter of December 17, 1965, submitting an article for Whitman's Journal, by Lynn Glaser, on Paul Revere, is acknowledged. You said you did not wish me to do any serious editing, so I have merely noted corrections as to what was actually stated.

You also asked me if it is satisfactory for your Journal readers.

I am returning the document, herewith, with my comments, in red. You can handle them as you see fit.

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PAUL REVERE AND THE MASSACHUSETTS CURRENCY

by Lynn Glaser

11½ points

Almost the first act of the Massachusetts Colonial Assembly, after Lexington and Concord, was the emission of paper money in the teeth of the Royal prerogative. The skirmishes at Lexington and Concord had relatively little provocative effect on the English. They had simply been attempts to protect some trumpery stores. But expanding the paper currency against the expressed orders of Whitehall was brazen defiance. On the first of May, 1775, the Committee of Safety for Massachusetts passed a resolution allowing the paper money of the neighboring colonies to "be paid and received within this Colony." It read:

"Whereas, many of our brethren of the Colonies of Connecticut and Rhode Island are now with us, to assist us in this day of public and general distress, in which we are all deeply concerned; and whereas our brethren of said Colonies have brought with them some of the paper currencies of their respective Colonies, which have not of late, had a currency with us, and for want of which our common interest may greatly suffer, Resolved, that said paper currencies shall from and after the date hereof, be paid and received within this Colony, in all payments, to all intents and purposes, in the same proportion to silver, as they are paid and received within the respective Colonies by which the same have been issued."

Two days afterwards the Provincial Congress empowered the Treasurer of Massachusetts to raise £100,000 by issuing six percent interest-bearing bills of credit payable June 1, 1777. No bill was to be of smaller denomination than £4, and it was desired that the other colonies accord them currency. The engraving and printing of these notes was given to Paul Revere. This act may have had consequences

not very sound

equal to his midnight ride. The Provincial Congress next took up the matter of providing advance pay for its soldiers through one year notes. On May 20, 1775, the Congress ordered that a committee confer with Revere, who had suggested ~~an alteration in the value of~~ a different set of denominations for the notes. It had orginally been intended to pay the soldiers in 22 shilling bills. The final provision, after Revere's recommendations, provided for the soldiers to receive twenty shillings "lawful money"[1] as advance pay. If they accepted they would be paid forty shillings in three notes with 6% interest, to be paid one year from date of issue. The resolve provided for an issue of £26,000 made up in notes of 20, 18, 16, 15, 14, 12, 10, 9 and 6 shillings, with a printing of 4333 of each denomination.

5998

wrong 4133

These notes were printed by the intaglio method from copper plates. In those days this was a time consuming job. Paper had to be dampened in a trough, the copper plate heated until it was warm, and ink applied to the entire surface and smeared around until it filled all the incised lines. Then the ink had to be carefully wiped off the surface of the plate so that none of it in the lines was wiped out. The paper was placed over the plate and over that a couple of blankets. Then the whole works was turned through a press. The blankets and paper were then lifted off the plate and the sheet of notes cut apart.

what inked

No

Much later. Dried, numbered, signed, indented first

On June 1, the Receiver General stated that he had several hundreds of the notes ready to deliver and that he should be able to pay off at least one regiment a day. On June 3rd Revere was requested "to attend

1. Lawful money refers to the colony's exchange ratio between the Spanish dollars circulating there and the English Shilling, money of account. In most colonies it was 5s.6d. or 6s. to the dollar, although the intrinsic value of the Spanish dollar was only 4s. 6d.

All wrong

Designate footnote

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the business of stamping the notes for the soldiers, all the ensuing night, if he can, and to finish them with the greatest despatch possible." On June 4th it was ordered that two members "be appointed to Attend Mr. Revere whilst he is striking off the notes for advance pay to the soldiers, night and day, till they are all struck off."

These precautions would continue to be ordered by the Congress on subsequent issues of notes. For the printing of the advance pay and the loan notes, and for engraving the four plates the two issues had required, Revere was paid £50.

On July 7, 1775, the Provincial Congress provided for more paper currency. It was resolved that since the plates for the payment of the soldiers "are still sufficient for the striking off a number of impressions on each plate" that there be struck off 667 sheets on the plate which had the 10, 18 and 12 shilling notes on it, 667 sheets from the 16, 15 and 9 shilling plate and 540 sheets on the 20, 14 and 6 shilling plate, as the last had already had 127 unsigned sheets printed from it. This made a total of 2001 sheets, which would raise the already emitted £25,998 to a total emission of £30,000. A committee was appointed to ~~agree~~ confer with Mr. Revere, or some other suitable person, for the striking off the above number of sheets.

A representative was "directed to enquire of Mr. Revere how many sheets of notes of bills of credit can be struck off, from the plates he now has by him, more than six hundred and sixty-seven which were directed to be struck off, by a resolve of this Congress, this day passed." It was decided that Revere should print the notes at the rate of 6 shillings for a hundred sheets, provided Revere find ink, space and suitable paper. The colony would pay the price of the paper. They also paid twelve shillings to John Cook for the use of

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his house, which Revere had used while striking off the notes. They told Revere to change the date on the notes to July 8th if he could. This he could and did do by scraping down and burnishing that part of the plate bearing the date and re-engraving the new date in its place.

remove from the back

On July 6th the Committee of Safety recommended that the Provincial Congress provide an issue of £100,000 in bills of credit for the people to use in business transactions and to defray the public expense. Revere discussed the issue with them, suggesting details of size and number of bills, although many of his suggestions were not followed. Congress dissolved on July 19, and further action was brought before the newly created House of Representatives. On July 27 a committee reported in favor of an emission of £100,000, with amounts from one to forty shillings, the work to be done by Revere. The printing was to be the figure of an American with a sword in his right hand and the inscription suspended therefrom, "Ense Petit Plac-Idam Sub Libertate Qvietem"; from his left hand "Magna Charta," and around the figure the words: "Issued in Defence of American Liberty." A tax was levied to provide for the redemption of the bills. This became the emission of August 18, 1775.

I suggest using one word

Scarcely had this issue been placed in circulation than another emission was needed to discharge debts. An act of December 22, 1775, provided for an issue of £75,000 in bills to be dated December 7. The denominations were altered, but the same designs were used. The date was merely changed on the Sword in Hand reverse plate. Sixty-two hundred fifty of the new denominations were to be printed. We have the following note from Revere to the Congress.

wrong wrong

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"I the subscriber agree to Engrave the Plates and make the necessary alterations in the same, and print the number of Bills the Honble ~~(sic)~~ House of Represtas. ~~(sic)~~ shall order, for the sum of one penny halfpenny old Tenor, each Bill, and find the paper and all the materials, the paper to be equal to the last emission.

"As the alteration and engraving will not be quite so much work as the last, I agree to allow thirty shillings L. Money out of the whole.

PAUL REVERE

<Memorandum> 8 L 0

"The paper of the last cost me 6 Dollars, A Rheam, when ~~(sic)~~ I didn't expect to give but four, which made forty-four Dollers ~~(sic)~~ odds, the Committee of the House ordered the Paper to be made, and did not agree for the price & I was obliged to pay the paper maker his demand."

In the Spring of 1776 Revere entered military service. On April 10, the House of Representatives appointed him Major of the regiment fortifying the town and harbor of Boston for a service of thirty days. On May 10 he was chosen Major in Lieutenant Colonel Thomas Craft's artillery regiment, and on November 29, Lieutenant Colonel of the regiment. He continued in service until May 4, 1780. As a result of his army career Revere did not have much time for engraving. The Massachusetts June 18, 1776 issue of paper money was printed from type by Benjamin Edes. For the next issue of September 17, 1776, the House appointed a committee "to wait upon Mr. Revere, to know if he can recut the former plates, to answer in part for the new emission of bills; agreed to be emitted," and also to obtain from the Treasurer the copper plates in his possession for the emission of December 7, 1775.

On September 10, a representative was ordered to "wait on Mr. Revere, to desire him to alter the word Colony in the plate on which the bills of credit are to be struck off, and insert State in the room thereoff." (sic)

The same denominations as had been issued in the December 7 emission were used because the old copper plates could easily be altered, the only changes necessary being the date and the insertion of the word State in place of Colony. The alterations were doubtless made by Revere, but the printer is unknown. On October 29, 1776, another act called for an identical emission of £50,004, with the same denominations, differing only in the date, now November 17, 1776. In December two acts called for more bills. The first provided for an issue of £20,034 to bear the above date. Whether this was an expansion or repudiation of the previous issue is not clear. On the November 17 bills the words "Magna Charta" on the scroll were changed to "Independence."

Later, the act of December 7 provided for an issue of £70,000 to be dated October 18, 1776. This was to be an issue of 5143 bills each of the lower denominations to 4s.6d., and three thousand of each denomination from 6s. to 72s. The front of the bill was to be engraved from a copper plate "with a handsome border," and the back was to be printed from type metal with a suitable ornament. The printing of this issue was undertaken by John Gill. Revere engraved the plates and charged Gill accordingly.

No emissions of bills of credit were authorized in 1777. The General Court had decided that money should be raised by loans and taxes, as the depreciation of their bills and threat of counterfeits posed serious danger to the State's economic system. On October 13, 1777,

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the General Assembly authorized the redemption of bills of credit with Treasurer's notes. Exceptions were made for bills of less than $1, which could continue to circulate, and bills on which the State had promised interest. Bills had to be exchanged by January 1, 1778. Several towns voiced opposition to the act, claiming that it worked hardship on the holders of small bills and that too short a time was provided for redemption. The General Court thereupon extended the period of exchange to April 1. In 1778 the General Court decided to call in all small bills the preamble to the act stating that "the currency of the small bills of credit emitted in this state before October 18, 1776 suffers much from great numbers of them being much torn and otherwise defaced." The act provided for an emission of £28,000 in twelve denominations, 30,000 of each, dated October 16, 1778. It was intended to have the obverse of the notes bear the liquid "stamped on copper plates prepared for the last emission." The reverse was reset with new type and a new type metal engraving of the Pine tree. "Printed by John Gill" was omitted, the new notes being printed by Thomas Fleet. It was soon discovered that the face plates were worn out - many of the lines were very faint and on January 7 it was decided to procure a new plate. An act passed on January 26 altered the tenor (?) and the denominations of the October 16 bills. The new act provided for 30,000 of each of 12 denominations to be printed. This issue was known as the "Rising Sun" emission because of its device. The bill was dated only 1779 ~~but it~~ and stated that it was redeemable December 1, 1782. Of the £28,000 ~~pounds~~ authorized by the earlier emission £20,000 was to be paid in the new. The Engraver is not known, but Bringham, author of Paul Revere's Engravings, believes it was Revere as the engraving contains numerous pecularities of his work.

this makes no sense

what tenor was changed?

misspelled grammar spelling

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Furthermore, the plate for the obverse is among his papers. It was probably printed by Thomas Fleet.

There is no evidence of Revere doing any money engraving from 1779 till the close of the Revolution. The Massachusetts notes from 1779 to 1783 were for lotteries, advance pay for officers, and various needs of the government: None seen to be by Revere. The only issue of bills were authorized May 5, 1780 and was printed by Hall and Sellers in Philadelphia. There is considerable speculation that Revere was responsible for bills in the first Continental emissions. This has not been substantiated.

this leaves a doubt "there is no evidence whatsoever, leave it out,

this article must have a bibliography as it is virtually all written up in other books,

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December 17, 1965

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Here is the article by Lynn Glaser that I would like you to scan. I would not expect you to do any serious editing, but would like your opinion about some of the facts quoted, especially denominations of the bills, dates, etc. If you think it is okay for our Journal readers, I will go ahead and run it. The article is being illustrated by about half a dozen of Revere engraved notes.

Sorry, but I have no photo of the Ryder 21 Vermont cent from Bennington.

Sincerely,

WHITMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

Kenneth E. Bressett
Numismatic Editor

KEB:ca

ENC: Article by
Lynn Glaser

February 9, 1966

Mr. Kenneth Bressett

Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken:

I hope you were a good assyer, and had fun.

Please substitute the enclosed pages for similar ones you already have and throw out the old ones.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

February 15,1966

Mr. Kenneth Bressett

Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken:

In connection with the use of the English language, I have a matter which may give you a laugh.

You are probably familiar with the fact that sometimes floating mines are found in the ocean. I now know why. If you will read the sentence in Vlack's book beginning on line 6 of page 32 you, too, will know why.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

FORM #105

April 20, 1966

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Kenneth Bressett | FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken:

In Part 2 of SIPSEY'S article entitled "DIES BY WYON" which is in the preliminary stage, it indicates that the Brasher Lima-style Doubloon is not considered bona fide by one "expert".

Did Sipsey get this information from you?

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

April 20,1966

Mr. J.C.Spilman
4007 Medford Drive,S.E.
Huntsville, Alabama 35802

Dear Jim:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the preliminary draft of Part 2 of "Dies by Wyon".

I do not believe I am the only one who is astounded by this type of speculative writing. It tends to rework the facts to suit the theories.

I always encourage sincere numismatic writing of any kind but I cannot believe that a person who puts in as much time as its writer, can be satisfied to write material which he,himself, expresses grave doubts about.

It is certainly wholesome to have matters challenged but if you have received no challenges, so far, the conclusion might be reached that the speculations are too far out to even challenge.

Never say the life of an editor is not difficult!

Thank you for sending me the material to read.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

bc: Mr. Kenneth Bressett

May 20, 1966

Mr. Kenneth Bressett

Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken:

No doubt you have a review copy of Taxay's book.

The jacket has some interesting features. The dust cover is glossy in texture and very attractive from that point of view. The name of the author is at the top of the spine, horizontally, and the name of the publisher is at the bottom of the spine in a horizontal position. The title is, of course, vertical on the spine. The green color is lost on the jacket.

The cloth cover of the book is cheapened by a poor imprint of a coin. The content,however, is terrific.

I want to talk to you about it the first opportunity so at least the outside of the book I have written can be striking in appearance.

Sincerely,

EPN/:tb

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Racine, Wisconsin 53404

June 30, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman
P.O. Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Mr. Newman:

Three pieces of Whitman art were erroneously included in some other mailing which left Racine about June 3. In an attempt to find this material we are sending this inquiry. If you have received full color art for the following three items, please return them to Whitman Publishing Company, 1220 Mound Avenue, Racine, Wisconsin. The three pieces of art are as follows:

1. Bridal Doll Box Wrap
2. Maria Title Page
3. Christopher's Hoppy Day Cover & Title Page

Thank you for checking this out in your area and we will reimburse all mailing costs.

Sincerely yours,

June Behling

June Behling

JB/m

July 26, 1966

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53404

Dear Ken:

The plates which you have are from the Henry C. Miller Collection Sale conducted by Mr.Thomas L. Elder May 26, 1920.

The Auctori Plebis copper about which you inquired is one of the several varieties of evasion coppers bearing that inscription and if you believe it should be added to the Red Book I will be glad to bring to the ANA Convention those from my collection so that you may use them.

Having answered your inquiries, I can thank you for the lovely books which pleased me so much.

If you want any more detective work done, please let me know.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

Eric: are you familiar with this AUCTORI PLEBIS piece?
I have this as part of a set of 28 photographic plates - but no record of what sold!

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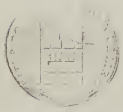
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August 24, 1966

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Eric:

For information about Communion tokens, see the following current articles:

The Numismatic Chronicle, 1964, page 319.
Communion Tokens used in England, Wales and the Channel Islands, by H. S. A. Copinger

The Australian Numismatic Journal, April and June 1966, Volume 17, No. 2.
The Story of Communion Tokens, by R. M. Greig

The Canadian Numismatic Journal, also published in book form at $3.00, available from the General Secretary, Canadian Numismatic Association, P.O.Box 313, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada.
Communion Tokens of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, by Fred Bowman.

I am interested in joining the British Numismatic Society. Can you send me any details?

Sincerely,

WHITMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

KENNETH E. BRESSETT
Numismatic Editor

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29 August 1966

Mrs. Joan Martin
British Museum Dept.of Coins & Medals
Great Russel St.
London, England.

Dear Joan:

I suggested that Kenneth E. Bressett, 1220 Mound Ave.,Racine, Wisconsin, U.S.A. should be a member of the British Numismatic Society and he would like to do so. I do not know how to go about proposing him but he is very well known in connection with his writings and extensive numismatic interests. He is an editor of the Whitman Publishing Company of Racine,Wisconsin and has authored many of their publications on English coins. He is a coauthor with me of"The Fantastic 1804 Dollar" and has lectured extensively throughout America. I have known him personally for many years and recommend him highly. Will you or some of your associates who are members of the B.N.S.sponsor him with me?

Please put this letter in the right hands.

Incidentally tell the B.N.S. that the last annual publication I received was the 1963 annual and I was not sent 1964 or 1965 as yet. Perhaps 1965 is not yet published.

My kindest personal greetings,

Eric

Eric P. Newman

P.S. I just wrote the International Numismatic Committee that my 1960-65 report of American writing and research would be a month late. How is yours coing along.

Ken

Eric

8/-9/66

Dear Ken:

Enclosed is some curiosa for the Monthly if you or one of your gang want to write it up. These are Civil War Patriotic envelopes relating to money. I found them in moving some items from one closet to another.

The loan and scrip issue is self explanatory

The Fugio reverse design has additional stars added to cover the subsequent states in the union (check)

The two with the rats running from the Mint need some research. Was Floyd a bad boy. Was Scott a good dog . Was this Winfield Scott. Who are Tomb ,Yancy and Cobb.

It ought to make a bit of interesting reading.

Your tired paste up man.

Eric.

Please return when photo'd

November 8, 1966

Mr. Kenneth Bressett

Eric P. Newman

To my Editor, as requested.

May 20, 1777 - Counterfeit - #82004

November 8, 1966

Mr. Kenneth Bressett

Eric P. Newman

To my Editor, as requested.

May 20, 1777 - Counterfeit - #82004

January 5, 1967

Mr. Kenneth Bressett

Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken:

The Antiques Book Society, Cranbury, New Jersey, is a subscription organization distributing books on antiques, the membership of which are obliged to buy four books yearly, at a saving.

This might be worth while investigating.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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February 10, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
P.O.Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Eric:

Every time I look through your book I like it more and more. I am becoming quite enthralled with the series and wish that I could add a few representative specimens to my collection. Would it be possible for you to help me get the three following pieces at a reasonable price. I am hoping that with your contacts or perhaps from some of your duplicates you might be able to get some that are not too expensive.

1. A bill engraved by Paul Revere. Probably the rising sun type.

2. A note signed by one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. One of the most common.

3. A note printed by B. Franklin. The least expensive variety.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

WHITMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

Kenneth E. Bressett
Numismatic Editor

KEB:ca

FORM #105

April 6, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Kenneth Bressett

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken:

I find I do not have your 22nd, 23rd or 24th edition of the BLUE BOOK for 1965, 1966 and 1967.

I also do not believe I have any edition of FOREIGN COINS MINTED IN THE U.S.MINT.

At your convenience, would you supply me.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

April 11,1967

Dear Ken,

Many thanks for your prompt cooperation. The articles are fascinating and helpful.

Sincerely,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

April 12, 1967

Mr. Kenneth Bressett

Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken,

I had a nice talk with Ben Douglas last night and in the course of the conversation I found out that he was billed for all of the EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA which he received. I told him that this was not intended, that he was supposed to have a few copies in appreciation for the work he had done in pricing and that I would check up on the matter immediately. I told him that Dick Picker had received a few copies for his cooperation.

Will you look into this matter, right away, as it is important that it be handled right. It certainly can be taken care of when the second printing run is completed but it should have been taken care of previously.

Be sure to send Picker and also Douglas an interleaved copy of the next printing of the book.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

bc
Mr. Michard Picker

FORM #105

April 12, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr.Kenneth Bressett

FROM Eric P.Newman

Dear Ken,

Thank you, very much, for the Blue books, the Canadian interleaved copy, etc.

I hope you have been able to correct the error at the bottom of page 151 where "5 shillings 8 pence" on the 1779 issue should have been: "5 shillings 6 pence."

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

April 25, 1967

Eric P. Newman

Mr. Kenneth Bressett

Dear Ken,

I found this interesting draft in the Marckhoff collection and since it was from early Racine I thought you would enjoy it.

Kindly send me four dozen of the new printing of EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA and we will argue at some later date about whether your company owes my Foundation an additional royalty.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

FORM #105

April 27, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Kenneth Bressett

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken:

Please send me another copy of the May, 1967 WHITMAN NUMISMATIC JOURNAL for me to cut up; otherwise just send me pages 267/8 and 307 through 310.

Thanks for everything.

Sincerely,

EPN/a tb

June 16, 1967

Mr. Kenneth Bressett

Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken:

The MUSEUM NOTES of American Numismatic Society have asked me if I know of anyone who has written anything in the American field which they should publish and I wanted to know if you had anything you care to publish there.

It was a pleasure to be with you in Oklahoma.

I hope you told your shipping department that they should not send items by express to a Post Office Box. To add insult to injury, the Express Company wrote them that the packages were undeliverable and they promptly mailed me the card. Of course, all this took place long after I had picked them up from the Express Company.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

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CABLE ADDRESS—WESTLITHO

June 16, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Eric:

This is a sort of formal letter to thank you and your charming wife for your wonderful hospitality. As usual, I thoroughly enjoyed my stay at your home. The trip to Oklahoma was also very enjoyable. My return to Racine was uneventful, and I managed to miss storms all along the way.

I am absolutely delighted with the Paul Revere note, and want to thank you again for that. It is something that will always give me a great deal of pleasure and an item that can be used to good advantage in my coin talks.

Kindest personal regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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Kenneth E. Bressett
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June 22, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
P.O.Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your latest note. I have passed around instructions about Express Company shipments to a post office box. We will try to see that things are taken care of more efficiently in the future.

I have nothing special that could be used in the A.N.S. Museum Notes. I will keep this in mind, however, and I still have a memo to try to submit something for the British Numismatic Society's publication.

Kindest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

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July 10, 1967

Mr. Eric P. Newman
P.O.Box 14020
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Dear Eric:

Just a quick note to tell you that I am leaving for vacation and will not be back in the office until July 31. If anything special comes up, you can write or call and faithful Kay will see that your messages are relayed to me.

Nothing new is happening with the Paper Money book. Sales have slowed somewhat. I sent a review copy to Link House Publications as you requested. We continue to get occasional reviews in newspapers and magazines, all of which I am sure will do a great deal of good in the long run.

Sincerely,

WHITMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

Kenneth E. Bressett
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July 12, 1967

Mr. Kenneth Bressett

Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken:

It is nice to write to you when you are on vacation as no answer will be forthcoming.

I received the new Red Book from Dick and am very appreciative.

I was wondering if anything happened in the Saturday Review. Maybe there was a review of the book and none of us knew about it. Maybe the fact that you told the person that it had previously been mentioned in SR killed the review.

The book was reviewed in the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography.

I will be leaving on vacation before you get back and will deliver a talk in Copenhagen at the August 28 convention. I am going to mail you a copy of the talk but it is not to be published until I know how that matter is to be handled. You will be amused that I submitted the talk to the United States Secret Service for their suggestions.

Be sure to go to the convention and if there is a hearing on the Garland vs. Ryan PNG matter you should attend.

Kindest regards,

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 22, 1967

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53404

Dear Ken:

The talk I gave in Copenhagen, currently titled: "Coin Forgery Approaches Perfection" will be published in The Numismatist for November, 1967.

I have the permission of Ed Rochette to let Whitman's Monthly have the privilege of publishing it in the November issue. It will not be published elsewhere, other than Coin World, which will have to delay publication until about November 15. I therefore submit a copy to you for consideration.

If you don't like it, feel free to say so. If you want to change the title to "The Techniques of Coin Forgery", or something like that, you may do so.

I will be glad to help in any other way.

Sincerely yours,

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January 3, 1968

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Kenneth Bressett FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken,

Please thank Neil, very much, for the extra copy of his paper money book. My original copy looks like it was out in the rain but, actually, was only in contact with another plastic. If plastics of different colors got along as well as heart transplants from different colored people, it would be a step toward better integration.

I will send you a check on Lynn Glaser's new book as soon as you acquire it for me.

I would like to know if you have ever heard of the pamphlet entitled "The Mint at New Orleans", by Riddell, a photocopy of the first page of which is enclosed. I may have discovered an unknown piece of numismatic literature. I cannot find it listed in any library list at my disposal. Would you let me know.

Sincerely,

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January 10, 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman
P.O.Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Eric:

I finally got through the end-of-the-year season, though with all of the extra eating, drinking, and late evenings, I must say I am glad it's over. Now I can settle down and get busy with work for the new year.

I will send the new Glaser book to you as soon as it arrives.

I have never heard of the pamphlet, The Mint at New Orleans. The only other book I know of by Riddell is his Monograph of The Silver Dollar, Good, Bad, New Orleans, 1845. Apparently this is also a rare item, as I have been looking for a copy for several years. Congratulations on such a lucky find! Does it contain any startling new information?

Sincerely,

WHITMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

Kenneth E. Bressett
Numismatic Editor

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FORM #105

January 18, 1967

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Kenneth Bressett

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken,

Thank you for checking on the Riddell matter. No one has found it yet. I am enclosing a photocopy for your enjoyment.

Sincerely,

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CABLE ADDRESS—WESTLITHO

January 25, 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman
P.O.Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for sending me the copy of Riddell's book. I notice that the mintage figures are not the same as those given in other published sources and must check into this. Apparently they refer to the number of pieces struck in a given year and not the coins bearing these dates.

Enclosed are a couple of our new supply catalogs. I think the cover came out particularly well. I am also sending some discarded proofs from our Journal file that may be of use to you.

Kindest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely,

WHITMAN PUBLISHING COMPANY

Kenneth E. Bressett
Numismatic Editor

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 1, 1968

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53404

Dear Ken:

It would be nice to know how many EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA you have left in stock.

There has not been any complaint about the illustrations or typesetting which has come from a numismatist to me - actually there have been nothing but superlatives about the illustrations and readability.

Glenn Smedley's review ought to be quoted in your advertising, which I note is continuing, and still using the same copy as before.

I wanted your firm to make a nice profit on the book so why don't they try harder. For once, I wrote something which is not super-dull and I want to revise it to add new material and correct errors.

Friedberg's department in the May Company store, in St. Louis, has never carried the book and has lost many sales on account of it. Does he boycott most of your publications in his other department store operations?

Has any effort been made to put it in the general book department of department stores, or in any of the chain book stores?

I am sending an extra copy of this letter to you so that you can turn it over to your sales department, if you wish.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 1, 1968

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53404

Dear Ken:

Enclosed is a copy of the Garland vs. Ryan decision, for your edification.

No one has had the guts to publish it yet so far as we know.

Sincerely yours,

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July 2, 1968

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the tip concerning the Smithsonian Institution. We are aware of their book shop and have tried repeatedly to get coin and stamp books and supplies in there, but without success.

I am going to try a more direct approach and have Neil Shafer talk to someone when he visits there next month. Perhaps by by-passing our salesmen we can get better results.

Sincerely,

WHITMAN HOBBY DEPARTMENT
Western Publishing Company, Inc.

Kenneth E. Bressett
Numismatic Editor

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FORM #105

July 26, 1968

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Kenneth Bressett

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken:

In the July 1968 WHITMAN NUMISMATIC JOURNAL you published a picture of me which did not please my wife. Will you please substitute the enclosed picture for it.

Will you also please send me a second copy of the July 1968 JOURNAL, and forward the enclosed letter to Mr. Willey as I do not have his address.

Kindest regards,

EPN/atb

FORM #105

August 8, 1968

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Co.

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken:

Thank you for the July WHITMAN'S MONTHLY. I will gladly send back the section on the pattern prices if you need it.

Is the 1969 BLUE BOOK out yet, as we have never received a copy.

There is also enclosed a photocopy of a memorandum which indicates that Paul Franklin was the source of the first Parson's ingot which you listed in your catalogue at Ford's request.

Kindest regards, and thanks.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 24, 1969

Messrs.
Richard S. Yeoman
Kenneth Bressett
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Dick and Ken:

Since it is about time I have become a life member of ANA, I can think of no better sponsors than you two. You still have the right to say "no".

If you will sign the enclosed application and return it to me I would be appreciative.

Thank you for taking the risk - if you do so.

Cordially,

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March 26, 1969

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

Thanks for sending the information about Mid-America Book Company. I have already talked to our product and sales people about this and will certainly do my best to see if we can drum up some new sales.

I checked and found that we have 838 copies of your book still in stock. We have only sold 17 copies since the first of this year. Something has to be done, but it is very difficult to light a fire under the appropriate people.

Enclosed are a couple of copies of a booklet in which we gave permission to use material from your book. I think they have given you a nice credit line. See pages 4, 12, 30, and 99.

Neil is sending you copies of his Philippine currency book and Journal article that you mentioned.

I just received your appliaction for ANA life membership. We are indeed honored to feel that you have chosen us to be your sponsors. Dick returns from his European trip Monday and we will sign and return your application then.

Sincerely,

WESTERN PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

Kenneth E. Bressett
Senior Editor
Whitman Hobby Division

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P.S. Enclosed is a letter and article from Mr. Curtis which are self-explanatory. I found it amusing but didn't have time to go into the matter deeply. Would you be kind enough to look it over and acknowledge, return and/or comment on it as you see fit.

I am going to grant permission for him to use the illustration with proper credit, since he at least had the courtesy to ask.

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

March 31, 1969

Mr. Allen Curtis
P.O.Box 380
Williamsburg, Va.

Dear Mr. Curtis:

At the suggestion of Kenneth Bressett, we are returning your manuscript with a few comments written on it. I am glad to see you study edge die slippage but there are quantities more to study.

You should avoid, in my opinion, references to your personal collection and personal theories. This is not in the best taste. You should never indicate you may be wrong as this undermines the article. You should show a speculation has been made where it has been and let the reader make up his mind.

I don't advise using the word "reeding". This is the expression for the design put on U.S.coins struck in a collar and should be distinguished from designs on milled coinage which you are talking about.

There are enclosed photocopies of the Castaing machine as published in the Grande Encylopedie in the 18th century. This seems to show some of the parts in scale. Maybe it will clear up some matters. If you want to illustrate it for publication that can be arranged.

We hope that we have been helpful.

Sincerely,

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CC: Mr. Kenneth Bressett

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 2, 1969

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53404

Dear Ken:

Receipt is acknowledged of the two Continental Dollars, Variety 2-G, and the Bar Cent. You asked for an opinion as to their genuineness. You are already suspicious and your suspicions are confirmed.

The Continental Dollar Marked No. 17 weighs 253 grains and has a specific gravity of 7.67. Its diameter is 4 cm. Its obverse center is very sharp but the CONTINENTAL CURRENCY legend is spread by radial movement in the course of striking so that the diagonals of the N's are wedge shaped and the uprights of T, L, O, E, etc. are too wide. There is considerable weakness toward the border. There is a burn mark over the M of MIND. On the reverse the center area is strong but the links are all unreadable and disfigured. If the coin is turned on the vertical axis of the obverse the reverse is offset clockwise 45°. There is a heavy burned area near the edge on the reverse where GOD SEC should be. The leaf edge is very weak. Genuine specimens are offset approximately 330° clockwise when turned on a vertical axis so that the offsetting seems wrong. The color is too pale and not gray enough. Primarily, the impression is so poor it looks as though there was buckling. Whether this was made from cast dies or was a direct casting is hard to say but it is certainly not the product of the original die striking.

Your No. 18 is a poor casting with many defects. It weighs 255 grains and has a specific gravity of 7.7. The right lower serif of the I in FUGIO has a defect. So has the right lower part of the G. There is a period under AM of ABE on the reverse. The image is very weak throughout and the color much too dark. The coin is holed and plugged below the L of CONTINENTAL. The diameter is 3.8 cm. which is too small. If turned on the vertical axis of the obverse the reverse is offset clockwise 135°. This is unnatural.

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 June 2, 1969

Mr. Kenneth Bressett

The Bar Cent is the easiest. It only weighs 40 grains and is far below normal. Its specific gravity is 6.2, which is far below that of copper. Apparently it is a copper plated casting. The railroad tracks across the back don't help matters.

In our opinion all three coins are false. They are returned herewith.

Sincerely yours,

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Sent by Bressett
June 1969

ERIC P. NEWMAN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
ST. LOUIS 2, MO.

Cont Dol 2-C Wt 253 In water 220 33

7.67
33 | 253
231
220
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220

Dia 4 cm

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[illegible] to color

Cont Dol 2-C Wt 255 222 33

7.7
33 | 255
231
240

Right lower serif of I in FUGIO has casting defect
Right lower part of G has casting defect
Period under AR of ARE is casting defect
Corn is weakly impressed [illegible]
Edge is weak
Reverse is offset clockwise 135° of turned on vertical axis [illegible]
Holed + plugged under L of CONTINENTAL
[illegible] dark [illegible] color

Diam 3.8 cm

Reverse is 38° clockwise

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June 5, 1969

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

Many thanks for your speedy answer concerning the three questionable Colonial coins. I very much appreciate your help as I could not tell positively that they were false. Your opinion is the "final word" as far as I am concerned and I am happy to have such a fine teacher.

Sincerely,

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 25, 1969

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53404

Dear Ken:

Thank you, very much, for the 1970 GUIDE BOOK. I will read it with great interest.

Naturally, as I have told you in the past, there are a number of matters stated which I disagree with and a number of errors which should be corrected but there are so many good things that I am delighted with the book.

On page 38, I believe you should say, with respect to the 1785 gold Nova "the gold specimen" rather than "a gold specimen.

Best wishes to you and the rest of your team.

Sincerely yours,

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June 25, 1969

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53404

Dear Ken:

Grover Criswell has written me that in his proposed revised edition of North American Currency, he wants to expand his listings in the early American field and to refer to Early Paper Money of America. We are enclosing a copy of his letter and understand that he has already talked to you.

We have no objection to such useage so long as he refers to the book in each section where the Colonial and Continental currency items are listed. For example, if Continental Currency is listed in one part of the book, there should be a reference to Early Paper Money of America there. If Georgia Colonial Currency is in another part of the book there should be a reference there, also. The same would be true of each colony or state.

He has made no request to copy any illustrations or any of the descriptive text and, therefore, I believe his listings will be helpful in developing further interest in Early Paper Money of America.

If you agree, will you be kind enough to send Grover an appropriate letter.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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CC: Mr. Grover Criswell

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To: Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil ave.
St. Louis 5, Mo.

CRISWELL'S
RT. 2 - BOX 112
CITRA, FLA. 32627

SUBJECT: Use of referals from Your Book

DATE: June 20, 1969

Reply Message

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MESSAGE

Dear Eric

After our discussion of recent date, I Called Whitman + Talked to Ken Bressett about my request, with Your Concurrance, to expand the Listings in my "North Am. Currency, 1st Revised Ed" on Colonial + Cont. Currency + to refer to your authoritative Work for Complete Listings. If you Would approve such action + forward a copy of this to Whitman for approval I think I Could Wind up my Revised Edition. Due Credit Would be given per Phone Discussion.

Sincerely SIGNED Joseph Criswell

1ST FOLD

REPLY

DATE OF REPLY

REPLY TO

SIGNED

SEND WHITE AND PINK COPIES WITH CARBONS INTACT. PINK COPY IS RETURNED WITH REPLY

WESTERN PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

WHITMAN DIVISION

June 30, 1969

Mr. Eric Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

If I failed to thank you for examining the Continental dollars, let me do so now. I certainly did appreciate your help and was delighted with the speedy service.

I agree that Criswell's use of some of your currency listings will be an asset to The Early Paper Money book. He only intends to use selected listings and will not be using any of our pictures. He has agreed to give full credit to your book. I will write to him directly and give our final blessing.

Your comments on the new Guide Book are appreciated. The day will come soon when we can make extensive revisions and make full use of your suggested revisions and corrections.

Sincerely,

WESTERN PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

Kenneth E. Bressett
Senior Editor
Whitman Numismatic Department

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

February 25, 1970

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53404

Dear Ken:

Thank you for the nice remarks on the article on the 1804 Dollar.

The small amount of fan mail which I received had one wonderful Southern comment: "Man, what a rebuttal. I bet Risk wish he don kept his big mouth shut."

Sincerely yours,

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 10, 1970

Dr. Kenneth Bressett
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53404

Dear Ken:

I am returning the slide you forwarded to me. The projector will handle these 35mm slides, fortunately.

In the past I have been in correspondence with Wayne Rich and if he needs a New Hampshire copper for the NNNA convention, next October, he will have our cooperation. He should write us and give us the technicalities as to whether the insurance begins at our vault and ends at our vault, what protection will be given while the coin is on display, how the coin is mounted or shipped, etc.

Would you be nice enough to write an evaluation of my copper piece so that the insurance can be for the proper amount. I believe you have seen it in the past.

It is always a pleasure to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Eric

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 12, 1970

Mr. Samuel Prescott
1220 Grand Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53404

Dear Sam:

I am returning the slide you forwarded to me. The projector will handle these 35mm slides, fortunately.

In the past I have been in correspondence with Jerome Kim and if he needs a few Hawaiian copper for the coin convention, next October, we will have our cooperation. He should write to and give us the technicalities as to whether the insurance begins at our vault and ends at our vault, exact inspection will be given while the coin is on display, how the coin is mounted or shipped, etc.

Would you be nice enough to write an evaluation of the copper piece so that the insurance can be for the proper amount. I believe you have seen it in the past.

It is always a pleasure to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

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FORM #105

June 18, 1970

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Kenneth Bressett

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Ken,

I am trying to arrange a cocktail party at my house, before the convention on Sunday, August 16. I don't know if you, or Dick, or Neal, will come that early, but was wondering if you could advise me what your general procedure as to arrival is.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

WESTERN PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

WHITMAN DIVISION

June 24, 1970

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Mr. Newman:

We have your letters of recent date to Mr. Bressett and the enclosed slide.

Mr. Bressett is presently on vacation. He will be back July 6, at which time we will see that he receives your correspondence.

Sincerely,

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Catherine Andreasen

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Secretary to Mr. Bressett

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 1, 1970

Dr. Kenneth Bressett
1220 South Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Ken:

Thank you, so much, for your nice remarks concerning the St.Louis convention. You did more than your part.

With respect to your comments on the passage I sent to you, I have already revised the first section relating to the 1804 Dollar and I wish somebody else would comment on the Immune Columbia so that I don't have to do it. I will certainly clarify it.

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I am going to hammer home another point, namely, that Hickney was not told or the mint people that the 1804 Dollar he got had been antedated. I suspect he thought it was struck from old dies and therefore was just a restrike.

I will send you my revised text, and hope to talk to Bob Julian about what he is going to do, very shortly.

Sincerely yours,

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WHITMAN DIVISION

September 11, 1970

Mr. Eric P. Newman
P.O.Box 14020
St. Louis, Missouri 63178

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the copy of your revised letter answering Risk's article. You have done a fine job and I can think of nothing to add to your remarks. I thoroughly agree with your position that there is nothing new to be said and it will be far better to let the matter rest.

On a different subject, we are now laying plans for the 1972 Red Book, which will be our 25th anniversary edition. I want very much to make this a book we can be proud of and am soliciting the aid of certain specialists who will revise various sections of the book. One group is working on the early half dollars, another on large cents, and one other person, I believe, will help with half cents.

I would now like to take advantage of an offer you once made to help me with revisions in the colonial section. I don't intend to make a thorough rearrangement of the book and cannot add any additional pages, but I would like to correct the many long standing errors and clarify any sections that would make the book more useful to our average reader. Whatever help you can give me along these lines will be greatly appreciated. I don't intend to pad the section with numerous unimportant varieties or make it an all-inclusive coverage of the subject. What I would like to do is eliminate pieces like the Good Samaritan shilling and add something worthwhile, like Bungtowns.

Anything you care to do along these lines will be most appreciated and it would be great fun to work with you again on a project.

Sincerely,

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September 15, 1970

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
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Dear Ken:

Thank you for your letter of September 8, 1970.

I have again rewritten my 1804 Dollar comments and hope it is further improved.

Wait until you read what Robert W. Julian is writing.

If you want me to make suggestions for the 25th Anniversary of the RED BOOK, it will certainly be a pleasure to do so. I will start thinking about what suggestions I can make which are practical and hope we can get together to discuss them.

Thanks for being such a pal.

Sincerely,

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November 4, 1970

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

Under separate cover I am sending a couple of books (1971 Red Book) so that you will have some extras to cut up and use in making revisions for the 25th edition.

Hope you are making some progress with this work. I am really looking forward to seeing some worthwhile changes to add to the usefulness and accuracy of the book.

Sincerely,

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April 12, 1971

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
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Dear Ken:

Herb Bergen asked me to investigate Cronar Film for the authentication steering committee. What do you know about it or who does know about it?

Your inquiring sleuth,

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April 19, 1971

Mr. Kenneth Bressett, Editor
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Dear Ken:

You asked for our suggestions with regard to the Colonial section of the Red Book. We are glad to be of help, but do not want you to involve yourself in a major rewrite. While we have clarifications and improvements which we might think are beneficial, we have not listed those. We have only listed items which we believe are misinformation or misleading. Please feel free to differ. If you do not take our suggestions in toto we certainly understand.

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I need not tell you how much I think of your devotion to making the Red Book a real tribute to knowledge. You are doing a great job. Keep it up. Anytime you want more suggestions they will be forthcoming. It is a pleasure to be of service to you. At least I won't castigate you personally in The Numismatist but I know someone who will.

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April 12, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
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Dear Mr. Newman:

In response to your inquiry about the value of the 1776 New Hampshire copper coin, I can only tell you that the piece is extremely rare and no genuine specimen of this coinage has been sold in recent years. It is therefore impossible to quote any current sales records and the best one can do is estimate its probably value, based on the present market trends of similar coins of comparable rarity and numismatic importance.

To the best of my knowledge, your specimen is one of only five or six known genuine examples of this coinage. The piece is of utmost historical significance, as it represents the first attempt at an independent state coinage for this nation and it is the only coin ever made for New Hampshire.

Considering the above facts, I would estimate the value of this piece at approximately $7,500 on today's market. This is based on the fact that coins of similar rarity, importance, and desirability are usually sold at prices ranging from $5,000 to $10,000. It also takes into account the improbability of a specimen of the New Hampshire copper piece being available for sale on the open market and the number of collectors willing and able to purchase such a coin.

The Whitman Guide Book of United States Coins, which I edit annually, quotes current market values of most United States coins. The New Hampshire copper piece, however, has not been evaluated in this book for the past several years because there have been no recent sales of the piece. It is my belief that the replacement value of your coin, or the price at which a specimen would be sold should one become available on the market, would be approximately $7,500.

Sincerely,

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WHITMAN DIVISION

August 3, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Eric:

Our Hannibal Plant claims they returned the original Early Paper Money photographs and they are certain they are not stored there.

In a rather hasty search through our files I was unable to locate them here and I suspect I may have returned them to you after we were finished with them.

Would you be good enough to look carefully to see if you have them, and if not, I will take the place apart here until they are located.

Sincerely,

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 7, 1971

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53404

Dear Ken:

Thank you, very much, for the books which you so kindly loaned.

In the back of the Eastman Counterfeit Detector was the Harper's article on bank notes. It was ready to fall out so I removed it, put it in a plastic envelope, and repaired the book. Would you have your librarian make a new title for the bank note engraving article if you care to keep it separate.

Would you now undertake a little further to see if you can locate the pictures used for EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA.

Sincerely yours,

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October 19, 1971

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

Thank you for safely returning our Counterfeit Detectors. It was nice of you to separate the Harper's article, which I did not realize was included.

I have not forgotten about the photographs for The Early Paper Money of America and will continue to search for them as time permits. I am certain they are only misplaced and will turn up some time.

Sincerely,

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 5, 1971

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound Avenue
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Dear Ken:

I have been sent for expertization, four 1936 Canadian dot cents. They originally were sold by Bob Gregor to Walter M. Johnson, who is asking about them. The fact that Bob Gregor sold them discouraged me from wanting to check them. The dies appear to be different on the obverse but I have not checked the reverse dies. They all show different nicks and different amounts of wear.

Is this something you are an expert on? Have you any suggestions as to who might give an opinion on these?

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

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November 11, 1971

Loaned to John Pittman for study 11/11/71 Alexandria, Virginia. EPN

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Eric:

The 1936 Canadian dot coins have been of interest to me for the past twenty years. I was one of the first to own a quarter, and have followed their history over the years. I am far from an expert on the subject, but believe that I have had enough experience with them to know that John Pittman has more information than anyone else. John has been close to the subject since these coins were first discovered and he owns two complete uncirculated sets of unquestionable origin.

Over the years Pittman has been reluctant to share information about these coins because of the fear that they could easily be duplicated by forgers. He has, however, displayed the pieces on a few occasions, and I am sure would be willing to cooperate with you for any information you want. By all means contact him directly.

Nothing very new or exciting around here, though I was recently dismayed to see in the November Numismatist, page 1641, quite an array of hoodlums being proposed to the A.N.A. Hall of Fame. Do you have any influence that could help to eliminate people like Hazeltine, Chapman, etc.? I wouldeven question the advisability of including B. Max Mehl.

Iconoclastically,

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January 17, 1972

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
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Dear Ken:

I am going to the Bicentennial Coins and Medals Panel meeting, today, and this reminded me, again, of the need for a thorough search for the pictures used in Early Paper Money of America. I do not understand whether these pictures were passed on to a make-up which was photographed, or whether they were kept independently. Were they thrown out along with the print-out from the phototype, or do you keep the print-out from the phototype?

In any event, a thorough additional search seems justified.

Sincerely yours,

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January 31, 1972

Dear Ken,

Thank you for the Craig Second Edition.

It has a beautiful content, a beautiful wrapper, and beautiful make-up.

May its sales be beautiful.

Sincerely,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

WESTERN PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

June 26, 1972

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Eric P. Newman Numismatic
Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

I have the copy of your letter to Charles French commenting upon the 1875 Trade Dollar with possible S over CC mint mark.

You seem to have covered all of the background research on this piece. I am fully convinced that the variety is a true repunching of the die, and although I have not actually examined a specimen, I have seen some excellent photographs of such a coin.

There is apparently only one specimen known in strict Uncirculated condition and this was sold by the Kagins March 19, 1970, Lot 739, at $2,650.00. A few other specimens in Extremely Fine condition have recently been offered by dealers around the country, but apparently this variety is quite scarce.

I do not know of any specimens without the triangular mark to the left of the S, but that may or may not be significant.

Sincerely,

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August 28, 1972

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
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Dear Ken:

Thank you for the copy of the telex indicating that all but one of the negative flat sheets have been located but that nothing else has been found.

Does this mean that all of the type has to be set over again or can a print be made from each of these sheets on paper which can be rephotographed in whole or in part? Incidentally, what is the page which is missing?

I hope you and Bert had a delightful time at the convention.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

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KEN BRESSETT

AUG 23 1972
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RE: THE EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA

I HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY OUR PEOPLE THAT THE ONLY THING THEY CAN LOCATE ON THIS TITLE IS THE NEG FLATSXXX (FLATS) (ONE OF WHICH IS MISSING). I HAVE ASKED THEM TO MAKE ONE FINAL CONCENTRATED EFFORT TO FIND ANYTHING ELSE. WHEN THIS IS DONE, I WILL ADVISE YOU OF RESULTS ASAP.

JIM SHEARMAN

cc: Mr. Eric P. Newman ✓

ERIC P. NEWMAN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
ST. LOUIS 2, MO.

November 10, 1972

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound Avenue
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Dear Ken:

I, personally, have given a few pieces of paper money to the Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society in order to round out the Indian Territory collection which the Society purchased in New Orleans.

Would you be nice enough to appraise the items for me. I can send you a Xerox for each of the items given but will gladly send you the originals if you prefer.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

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ERIC P. NEWMAN

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WHITMAN DIVISION

January 31, 1973

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Mo. 63105

Dear Eric:

From all the reports I have been reading, it looks as if you have been keeping fairly active numismatically. I was pleased to see that the Omaha collection will remain intact. Perhaps now some day I will be able to see it - I detest seeing major collections split up and no longer available for research.

I recently acquired a piece of Colonial currency that has me mystified. I suspect it is a counterfeit, but perhaps you can straighten me out. The note is one of the Philadelphia Bettering House issues of March 10, 1769. It is clearly marked "EIGHTEEN PENCE," but I note that your catalog lists only the 1/6. Also, my piece has a plain back, whereas you state that only the four lowest denominations have blank backs. My note is signed by Thomas Say, Able James, and Joseph Fox.

Upon comparing this with some of Neil Shafer's notes, we found that he has a 2/- note of the same issue, also with unprinted back.

You make no mention of known counterfeits of the 2/- piece; therefore the whole situation has me somewhat confused.

Enclosed is a crummy Xerox copy of my note - I guess the machine was kind of tired today.

Sincerely,

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February 5, 1973

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
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1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisc. 53404

Dear Ken:

Now you realize why Early Paper Money of America needs revision. You have found an unclear comment. I have made the change to show the eight lowest denominations have a blank back. I didn't say what kind of a back the 18d and 2s had, but should have so designated. Your piece is genuine, but the xerox you sent stretched my imagination. Thank you.

I am personally relieved about the Reed collection. It was like lifting a burden off my back as I should not have been willing to undertake to advise them on selling, etc.

Please let me hear from you on your suggestions as to the revision. I have several hundred changes like yours, some even more idiotic errors.

Kindest regards to Neil, too.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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ERIC P. NEWMAN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
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February 7, 1973

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53404

Dear Ken:

In connection with valuation of Indian Territory scrip, you were kind enough to volunteer, in your November 21, 1972 letter, both your services and that of Neil Shafer. I need the fair value. A list as well as Xerox copies are enclosed. If you wish to examine the actual notes you should feel free to do so.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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ERIC P. NEWMAN
ATTORNEY AT LAW
400 WASHINGTON AVENUE
ST. LOUIS 2, MO.

October 16, 1972

Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Gentlemen:

In order to further complete your collection of notes relating to American Indians, I am donating to you the thirteen (13) items listed on the accompanying sheet.

Please acknowledge receipt on a duplicate hereof.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman

ERIC P. NEWMAN

RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGED:

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By Ann Barrett
Ann Barrett, Secretary

March 16, 1973

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Co.
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Ken:

I think you have forgotten about the revision of EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA.

From the desk of

ERIC P. NEWMAN

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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April 4, 1973

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Dear Ken:

I appreciated your encouragement as to your agreement to go forward with the revision of EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA.

I believe I need some guidance as to whether the entire book will be reset, what size the type will be, how the layout should be rearranged, how I can keep your cost down, etc. Is it possible that we can get together and discuss this matter, or can you jot down some of your suggestions? I would much prefer to talk this matter out with you on your way to or from some meeting. All you have to do is come to the house and eat, drink, and sleep there. How can that be arranged?

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 3, 1973

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin

Dear Friend:

I am about to write up my speculation as to why the expression "as phony as a $3.00 bill" could have gotten started. I don't want to make an idiot out of myself if it has been previously explained or written up but I believe I have a logical explanation.

Do you have any knowledge of its origin and if you do, will you share it with me? If you don't, do you know anyone who might know?

I will appreciate your comments very much.

Sincerely yours,

Eric

EPN/atb

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Same letter to:

Mr. James Johnson, Coin World, P. O. Box 150, Sidney, Ohio 45365

Mr. Wm. P. Donlon, P. O. Box 144, Utica, New York 13503

Mr. Morey Perlmutter, P. O. Box 48, Watertown, Mass. 02172

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August 30, 1973

Mr. Kenneth Bresset
Whitman Publishing Co.
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53404

Dear Ken:

Our meeting in Boston was pleasant as always.

In connection with your publication of the Bicentennial edition of Early Paper Money of America there were three things you were going to do at this point:

1. Remove the photo negatives from Hannibal to Racine.

2. Determine if you have the same type fonts which are used in the text.

3. Determine what payment should be made to this society other than out of pocket expenses, based on the formula that you sell a specific number of books first.

All the other details we can work out without difficulty.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN:jah

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 5, 1974

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Co.
2220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53404

Dear Ken:

With respect to the book, please let me know where the delays are. The cover design ought to be available by now. The pages which you are going to set have not been received either. Please substitute the enclosed two pages for those you already have as I have made corrections and throw away the old pages. We must get this project rolling as a lot of people other than myself have been very helpful.

I just had a wonderful trip to Afghanistan.

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah

Encl.

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Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Co.
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53404

Dear Ken:

As I indicated to you over the telephone the dust wrapper for the Bicentennial edition should be more dignified and not have routine Revolutionary War items. The suggestion of a designer here appeals to me much more, being a red area, a white area and a blue area. The words "Bicentennial Edition" could be in the red area with the letters in white. My name could be in the blue area with the letters in white. This is merely using the old area as it was. The lettering used by your artist would be a welcome change from the style previously used. If you want to add 13 stars I would have no objection.

The Whitman logo could be at the top of the part which covers the spine. The spine could well be the same blue used for the lower stripe on the face. I am sure this gives you enough ideas.

It was important for your artist to get us started, but we have such a beautiful and dignified wrapper I hesitate to tear it to shreds.

Cordially,

Eric P. Newman

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Encls.

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Jan. 9, 1975

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wis. 53404

Dear Ken:

Thanks for the loan of the pictures which I am returning. I found that I had time to make new pictures and I am enclosing them for your use if your care to. My mug is also enclosed for the dust wrapper. Happy New Year!

Eric P. Newman

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From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

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for Early Paper Money of America $100.00

Please send check to Attn: Mr. Ben Borus

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February 3, 1976

Mr. Kenneth Bressett

Dear Ken:

I am enclosing a few pages of the section of Continental Currency which should be corrected before page makeup. Also enclosed are the dummies which are turning out beautifully. I have caught up with you.

Eric P. Newman

EPN:jah
Encls.

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

WESTERN PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

April 7, 1976

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

Here are proofs of the revised Colonial section for the new Red Book.

Please look it over and let me know if this will be easier to use than the old arrangement, or if you would recommend any other changes.

I will use the better illustrations that appear in the current edition -- they will be put in place at press time.

Time is short so please call me if there are any major blunders that should be fixed.

Hope you like it --- don't know how we went so long with the old illogical style.

Sincerely,

WESTERN PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

Kenneth E. Bressett, Manager
Whitman Coin Products

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Answered 4/17/76 with hundreds of changes.

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

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November 12, 1976

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Co.
1220 Mound
Racine, WI 53404

Dear Ken:

Thank you for the report as to the weak sales of Early Paper Money and the general dullness of the numismatic commercial market. Neither is a surprise. I hope the book will be a steady seller in any event.

I believe you and I both realize the reason for the inadequate book sale. You will recall that on many occasions I mentioned how important it was to have the book available by the Spring of 1976. The timing was made to order. Merchandising anything which has fluctuating popularity or style changes requires the item to be on sale at the right time. There were numerous delays and lengthy delays at your plants. There were long periods when no type was set, when galleys and page proofs were not corrected, and then the final disaster was the snafu in making up "routine" negatives to conform to the page makeup. I continually gave you the fullest and promtest cooperation. I am sure you realize and were frustrated by what occurred. I presume that for one reason or another my book was sidetracked in favor of other work at your shop.

That is all now a thing of the past. Regardless of my disappointment I will do anything I can to help you sell the book and I have arranged to give Clarence Olsen, the book editor of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 900 North 12th Street, St. Louis, MO 63101, a copy of the book. You are sending him other material which I am sure will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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November 16, 1976

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Co.
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, WI 53404

Dear Ken:

Thank you very much for the November 12, 1976 news release to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. I appreciate the fact that it is unusually detailed and obviously a lot of effort was put into its preparation. If, as and when there is something published, I will be glad to send a copy to you.

Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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March 7, 1977

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Western Publishing Co.
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, WI 53404

Dear Ken:

On page 516 of the March 1977 Numismatist I was startled to read your letter to the Editor about the Vermont matter. I had noticed the George Gerl omission, but had said to myself, "C'est la vie" and forgotten about it.

Thank you for a necessary needle to that author. Maybe he should read your 1976 Vermont article too.

It looks as though the Robert J. Rhue letter to the Editor above your letter is in need of an answer too.

God bless free speech.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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March 15, 1977

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

Glad that you noticed my letter to the Editor in The Numismatist. I felt that somebody had to speak out and suspected that you would not want to do it yourself.

The Oriental coin market is a big mystery to me. From the stories that I hear, there are plenty of coin shops --- apparently all of them do business with American servicemen who are completely ignorant about counterfeit coins. Early American dollars, particularly 1804, are very plentiful.

The single dealer in whom I have great confidence is Dick Nelson. He makes frequent trips to Japan and Hong Kong and knows all of the important dealers and collectors, as well as who the major crooks are.

I would suggest that you contact Nelson and ask him about the Oriental market. He is a nice fellow and would be helpful:

Mr. Richard A. Nelson
President
The Money Company
11752 Wilshire Boulevard
Los Angeles, California 90025
213-478-9841

Sincerely,

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

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April 19, 1977

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Company
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, WI 53404

Dear Ken:

I have examined the U. S. 1829 Dime belonging to Sidney Nusbaum. It is struck with a collar die by the then new method. The date is very small and the 2 is curled based. Its condition is very good at best.

A picture of it is being taken. The size of the date must be compared to those for the half dimes of that date. They just used small letters for this die possibly.

Best regards,

Eric P. Newman

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May 2, 1977

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63105

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the information about the 1829 dime. Although this is possibly an insignificant variety, I see no reason not to list it in the Red Book and accordingly it will be included in the next edition.

Sales of the EARLY PAPER MONEY OF AMERICA BOOK are really slow and I hope that Breen's review will do some good. The article was really quite enthusiastic by Breen's standards. We are in the process of making a new mailing to libraries and hopefully this will generate some new sales.

I was not at all aware of the mention of the New Hampshire cent in the AJN and have no knowledge of its accuracy. I will see if some of my New Hampshire friends can track this down.

Sorry to learn that you cannot attend the Yeoman banquet. I will see that your very appropriate note is passed on to him.

Sincerely,

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 27, 1977

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Co.
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, WI 53404

Dear Ken:

There is nothing numismatic available in China in the way of coins. The museums are full of choice pieces. I am sending you under separate cover a book on Chinese coins which I found in a book store in Pekin and from the pictures it looks as though it is right down your alley. I don't know when it was published.

I did see a book which was in the Pekin Library about two inches thick in Chinese on the subject of Chinese coins and paper money. I was particularly interested in the illustrations of the early paper money from the Sung Dynasty. I believe the book was reprinted as recently as 1962.

Do you know the name of the book and do you have a copy of it? My trip was nothing short of sensational and I want to talk to you about it further.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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May 27, 1977

Mr. Kenneth Bressett

Please send these people a copy of my book with a bill, if you wish.

Eric P. Newman

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From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

WESTERN PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

June 6, 1977

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

Welcome home! Glad to know that your trip to China was enjoyable. I cannot wait to get together with you and hear all about it! It must have been a unique experience.

I do not recognize the book on Chinese coins and paper money that you described. Perhaps someone at the ANS could find the title for you.

Thanks ever so much for sending me the unique book on Oriental coins which arrived in today's mail.

Although I cannot read much of it, the illustrations are good and as a bibliophile, I am intrigued with the special style of binding that was used. This is called orihon and is rarely seen in this country.

Nothing much special happening here. The market is still a little slow and we are all working extra hard to overcome this.

Sincerely,

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WESTERN PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

June 6, 1977

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

Thank you so very much for the kind wishes you sent to me for the R. S. Yeoman night at the CSNS Banquet, May 14, in Milwaukee. Ken Bressett presented me with a huge scrapbook of mementos in which your greeting was included.

I would have preferred to express my appreciation to my special friend Eric Newman in person, but hope that before long I will do so at some numismatic affair.

My wife, Marion, joins me in acknowledging your thoughtful, friendly message and in sending you best wishes.

Yours truly,

WESTERN PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

Dick

R. S. Yeoman
Whitman Coin Products

RSY/ij

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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 28, 1977

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Co.
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, WI 53404

Dear Ken:

It has become very important for me to see the photograph of the 1792 Silver Center Cent first used for the illustration in Judd's 1959 edition and then thereafter in all subsequent editions. Do you have it? There is a large trench on the reverse around the plug.

I have a forgery of it on hand for an opinion.

In addition do you have pictures of any other examples of the coin? I believe you said you had the Mass. Historical Society piece in your Red Book.

Hope you had a fine vacation. Western Publishing Co. stock went up while you were gone. Is there a correlation?

Kindest regards,

Eric P. Newman

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[redacted]

Mr. Kenneth E. Bressett
Manager, Whitman Coin Products
Western Publishing Co., Inc.
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, Wisconsin 53404

Dear Ken:

Your letter of May 2 was received with interest. I do not have much material on Peale, outside of the medal business, but when he went to Europe about 1833-34 he sent home a series of letters discussing his visits to refineries and mints. These are in Record Group 104, entry 23 (inventory of January, 1968), of the archives. In addition there are, I think, some letters in entry 1 (general correspondence) discussing the construction of the steam coining presses by Morgan and Orr. As a general view, I would say that Taxay has brought out most of the important archival information available to researchers. The mechanical work within the mint would have been directed orally.

There is, however, one possible source that ought to be gone into carefully that is not in the archives. Peale wrote articles for the Franklin Institute of Philadelphia from about 1830 to the (perhaps) early 1850's. He was the 'Lecturer on Machines'.

As a second thought I might also suggest the engineering memoirs of George E. Sellers. These were published in about 1893; I don't have a copy but you can check with Ray Williamson of Lynchburg, Virginia. I cannot seem to lay my hands on his address at once, but if you do not have it, let me know, and I am sure that I can find it.

Hoping that the above proves of some help, I remain

Sincerely

R.W. Julian

WESTERN PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

May 23, 1978

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

Our trip to St. Louis was thoroughly enjoyable and the highlight of it was the delightful evening at your home. Bert and I very much appreciated your hospitality.

I suppose it is nearly time for your repair job. Please keep me posted on your progress. Our prayers and best wishes will be with you.

If you should find a spare moment sometime, I would like you to get me a copy of a portion of the Report of the Director of the Mint for 1836 dated January 17, 1837.

I understand this contains information about Franklin Peale's die making processes and may be just the information that I am looking for.

Sincerely,

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6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 4, 1978

Mr. Kenneth Bressett
Whitman Publishing Co.
1220 Mound Avenue
Racine, WI 53404

Dear Ken:

The chances of my coming to the Houston convention are not good. I am doing so well in getting healthy again that I am better off staying home. I am delighted that Bob Julian is being invited.

Please announce that I am the member who has had the most coins stolen and recovered them.

Good luck.

Sincerely,

Eric P. Newman

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TO: ✓Eric Newman
Walter Breen
Dick Johnson
Q. David Bowers
Grover Criswell
Ken Rendell
Hank Spangenberger
Neil Harris
George Fuld
Lynn Glaser

FROM: Ken Bressett

DATE: July 26, 1978

Please reserve Friday, August 25, from 8 to 10 A.M. at the ANA convention in Houston, for a breakfast meeting of the Rittenhouse Society. Wives, of course, are also invited and encouraged to attend.

The breakfast meeting is set for a time that should not conflict with any other function. It will be dutch treat and hopefully one of the highlights of the convention. The restaurant and exact meeting place will be announced later, as soon as plans are finalized.

A number of members have recommended Bob Julian for initiation into the group. I think he is an ideal choice that everyone will approve. Dick Johnson will send him a letter of invitation.

At this meeting we will have the usual remarks, reflections and reminiscences, together with special accolades and awards for all who have lived up to the Rittenhouse standards throughout the year.

Please come prepared to participate in the program with whatever you care to add to the fun and comradeship. Let me know soon if you will be able to attend.

KEB:JT

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WESTERN PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

August 1, 1978

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

Thanks ever so much for sending me the material from the Franklin Institute.

This was exactly what I was looking for, and specifically I was concerned with the transfer die making process.

Thanks again for taking the time and trouble to do so much work for me.

Sincerely,

WESTERN PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

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DAVID RITTENHOUSE
FIRST DIRECTOR
1792 - 1795

David Rittenhouse

Houston, Texas
August 25, 1978

THE RITTENHOUSE SOCIETY

The 1978 annual meeting of the Rittenhouse Society was held in conjunction with the ANA convention. Present at the Friday morning breakfast were: Ken Bressett, Walter Breen, Dick Johnson, Hank Spangenberger, Mr. and Mrs. Neil Harris, Bob Julian and Cristie Bowers.

Q. David was called away on pressing PNG matters and Grover popped off to Washington to keep Treasury officials on track.

Ken Rendell who had hoped to be present did not make it, and Eric was still experimenting with his new crutches.

A new member, Bob Julian, was inducted in an elaborate initiation ceremony which will probably never be repeated.

Members who lived up to the Rittenhouse standards throughout the year were all given special appropriate awards and were duly roasted.

It was suggested that future candidates for membership be proposed and selected early in the year and contacted in the usual manner to be sure that they are present for the meeting.

It was decided that since Eric Newman was not present to defend himself, and because the ANA convention will be held in St. Louis next year, that he should be in charge of the breakfast party. He has agreed to this and is already making elaborate plans.

Ken Bressett

WESTERN PUBLISHING COMPANY, INC.

August 30, 1978

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Dear Eric:

You were missed in Houston. In fact, the attendance was so small that quite a number of familiar faces were obviously not present.

Although attendance was low, the dealers (more than 300 of them) all seemed to be doing a tremendous amount of business and it looks as if the investment end of the market is still very ~~small~~ active. Unfortunately, the dealers seem to be chosen for quantity and not quality.

The entire tone of the convention was of concern about mismanagement on the part of the governing board and constant bickering between dealers and ANA. Some changes are definitely needed and hopefully will come with the next regime.

Fortunately, the Rittenhouse gang continues to keep its perspective and brought some fun into an otherwise charged atmosphere. The breakfast was delightful, even sans Bowers and Criswell who were called away for pressing convention business.

Rittenhouse "awards" were given to all members in recognition of their conduct throughout the year and everyone was duly roasted. Bob Julian was inducted through a ceremony that can only be described as unique.

On the serious side of the meeting, it was decided that in the future, names of new candidates be proposed and voted upon early in the year. The only name mentioned was Dick Doty.

It was also proposed and duly voted that you would be in charge of the breakfast party to be held in St. Louis next year. This seemed appropriate because it is your home town and because you were not at the meeting to defend yourself.

Sincerely,

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P.S. I now have both sides of the Stack correspondence concerning the proof bust dollar. Very interesting!

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